

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Schaller, Iowa 10:00 A. M.
January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Give thanks to God with your whole heart.

People: Great are the works of the Lord.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

*HYMN "All Creatures of Our God and King" #64

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 221).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

*GLORIA PATRI #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Pastor

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death."

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28

Elder

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (pp. 60-61).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.”
News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN “God of Grace and God of Glory” #292

SERMON “Destroying Evil”

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” #92**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SONG “Freely, Freely” (V. 1) #447**

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

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NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Shari O'Bannon

(Hip replacement surgery went well)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor

Our Church

Our School

Purple Gang

Doug O'Bannon & Family

Jerry & Dee Gosch

Joel VanBuskirk

(Had surgery for bone cancer in his jaw.)

Joyce Deloach

The Raven Dumones family

Betty & Harlan Roeder

Willie Lang

Randy Leask

Joan Martin

Shelly Fenner

Denny Miller

Steve Schaefer (Methodist Manor)

Carol Swanson Poston

(long recovery and doing Physical Therapy)

Karla Hustedt and her family

Ken Fells Jr.

Dennis Pfrimmer & Family

George & Darlene Franzkowiak

Carol Wendel

Mark Diersen

Dexter Meseck

Malia Meyer

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

January 28, 2024 First, Spirit Lake and Rev. Clint Lovell &
Rev. Michael Gewecke

2024 PER CAPITA

2024 Per Capita amount is \$53.95. It is a very important way we can contribute to the operation and mission of the Presbyterian Church. Session encourages all members to contribute. Please mark your check "Per Capita".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 2024

28 Sunday

9:00 am

Sunday School Classes

9:00 am

Confirmation Class

10:00 am

In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

31 Wednesday

3:30-5:30 pm

February 2024

04 Sunday (Communion)

9:00 am

Sunday School Classes

9:00 am

Confirmation Class

10:00 am

In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

Elder for January 28th: Janice Ploeger



PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang meets on Wednesday's from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for grades K-5th.

We are thrilled to give your children an opportunity to talk, eat, and play with their friends outside of a school

setting. We will maintain our policy of cancelling a Purple Gang event if the school closes due to weather or illness.

The program includes a snack, Bible study, music and recreation. We hope that your children will join us in a fun experience where we learn more about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

SERVERS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

31 st Brenna Franken	7 th Lorna Currie
14 th Colleen Hansen	21 st Florene Cork
28 th Ashley Sackett	

PORK CHOP DINNER

Schaller St. Paul Luther Church Pork Chop Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 11th from 11 am to 1 pm.

Boneless grilled pork chop; potato; vegetable; salads; and dessert. All Dine-In; Carry Out; & Drive-thru meals available at \$12.

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Carolyn Young (Jan. 28th)
Denise King (Jan. 28th)
Shane Reimers (Jan. 30th)

MAILING ADDRESSES

Bonnie Currie (New Address)

(Wakefield Health Care Center, 306 Ash Street, Wakefield, NE 68784

Margaret Crawford (Birthday Feb. 9th) 90th

216 N. Virginia Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

Ruth Schmidt

Good Samaritan Nursing Home (Holstein)

505 W. Second St., Holstein, IA 51025

Shane Reimers

2015 Strawberry Lane, Sioux City, IA 51104

Brett Currie

4327 Nakoma Rd, Apt 333 Madison, WI 53711

Wanda Jeppeson (Methodist Manor)

Greetings from the local Early Community Food Pantry in Early.

We were blessed with generous donations of food and dollars during the recent Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. We give heart full "Thanks".

Assistance is needed to feed families/households in our communities of Early, Schaller and Nemaha. We welcome your needed food, toiletries and cash donations throughout the entire year. Please check the expiration of food donations before bringing them in. Please, no glass containers.

If you know of a family, in the three communities area in need of food assistance, please tell them of us. All we ask is name, address, phone, email, number in household, and ages.

The Early Community Food Pantry is located at the south end of Sacred Heart Parish Center, double red doors. We are open Mondays 10:00 – 2:00 or by appointment by calling 712-661-9417.

Thank you in advance – Liz Davis, Terri Schmitt and Karen Pickhinke

